



## JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

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Written Testimony of THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL, JEWISH FEDERATION  
OF GREATER HARTFORD

Before the Education Committee concerning House Bill No. 6758 / An Act Concerning Certain Roles at  
the Department of Education.

Dear Members of the Education Committee,

On behalf of the Jewish Community of Greater Hartford, the board of the Jewish Community Relations  
Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford goes on record in support of **HB No. 6758**.

The Jewish Community Relations Council educates and galvanizes the Jewish community on issues of  
social justice, combats hate, and advocates for public policy consistent with Jewish values. One of the core  
tenets of Judaism is *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. In that vein, our legislative priorities focus on issues  
such as feeding the hungry, enhancing education, and fostering economic growth.

We respectfully request your support for this crucial legislation. HB6758 would require the Department  
of Education to hire at least one curriculum coordinator to help implement Holocaust and Genocide,  
African American, Latino, AAPI and other essential histories that our children should learn about.

This issue of expanding antihate and Holocaust education in Connecticut is one of our policy priorities  
this year. The various legislative mandates the Connecticut General Assembly has passed the last four  
years will help our children become the thought leaders of tomorrow. We know that many classrooms  
around the state are effectively teaching the Holocaust and Genocide, African American and Latino  
mandates. However, we also know that these are difficult subjects to teach. Now, more than ever, teachers  
need additional state support to assist them teaching our children effectively. This legislation will do  
exactly that. Additional staff at the Department of Education will enable curriculum development for  
teachers and support for educators.

Thank you for your consideration. You are welcome to contact us with any questions by contacting Danielle  
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